Bits from the DPL

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Why I am here

- because I’m so handsome
- because I’m so brilliant
- because you voted for me! (why, oh why?)

- a sexier distribution
- a more efficient project (and you want it too, it seems)
Why a sexier distribution?

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- because it is what our users want

10 N = Now.Year() + 1
20 Print N + “will be the year of the OpenSource desktop, maybe”
30 Wait.Years(1)
40 Goto 10

- not just a launch menu
  - documentation, translations, integration, screenshots, user-friendliness, icons, themes, eye-candy, QA
The next Debian

- faster release cycles
- more frequent point releases
- bigger point releases
- kFreeBSD, armel, Solaris (?)
- multiarch
- ... and a lot of cool, sexy new stuff
Why a more efficient project?

- we’re not doing *that* bad
- but a few things can improve everything
Our core teams

- they have been doing the same thing on a nearly daily basis for years
- they’re overwhelmed
- joining is not easy
- I’m working on that!
- but you can also help by finding ways to work around them
  - it gets things done
  - it gets things done faster
  - it relieves them from some of the work
Stop owning packages

- being is charge is OK, merely owning is not
- e-mails are not hostile acts
- bug reports are not hostile acts
- NMUs are not hostile acts!

- famous Wikipedia policy: **be bold**
- honestly, what can’t you undo?
- do more NMUs!
What if you get hit by a comet?

- the whole universe disappears
- the whole universe struggles to survive without you
You can “die” in many ways

- you simply lose interest
- you have exams
- you move
- a billionaire hires you
- you have kids
- you get married
- people also really die :-(

- IOW, real life gets you
Make it easier for Debian

- shorter release cycles
  - lower tolerance for delays
  - higher impact of inactivity
- there’s nothing wrong with doing
- but please, don’t make it hard for Debian when you’re not here

- use Alioth!
- give write access to more people!
Take back from others

- take back `.desktop` files
- take back translations
- take back *their people*!

- make it easier for translators, artists and documentation writers to join and contribute to Debian
- we don’t want that evil non-free tool? OK, let’s find another way
Communicate

- within Debian
  - don’t assume no one cares
  - it’s better to have a public place for everything
- with other distributions
  - they are not hard to reach
  - share problems, ideas, patches
Thanks!

- any questions?
- have a pleasant DebConf!

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